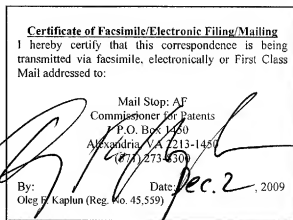


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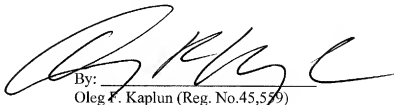


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In response to the Final Office Action mailed on October 6, 2009, transmitted herewith please find an Amendment under Rule 116 for filing in the above-identified application. Since the Amendment is being filed within two months of the Final Office Action mailing date, Applicants respectfully request that the USPTO's response be issued before the expiration of the three month period of the Final Office Action mailing date (i.e., by January 6, 2010). No fees are believed to be required. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional required fees to the Deposit Account of **Fay Kaplun & Marcini, LLP No. 50-1492**.

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